ous high courts has submitted any report to the Government; if so, when and what were its recommendations; and

(b) whether any action has since been initiated on any of these recommendations; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY) (a) and (b) The Report of the Committee was received by the Government in September, 1990 These recommendations pertain to State Governments, the High Courts, some of the Central Ministries and the Judiciary itself. These recommendations cover various aspects like jurisdictional and procedural modifications|improvements in the judiciary, setting up of specialised bodies such as tribunals|commissions to deal with specific types of cases, fixation of judge strength and appointments of Judges in High Courts, creation of more posts in the Subordinate judiciary and a number of other general recommendations relating to modernisation of office equipment in courts and allocation of more funds to the judiciary improvement in day to day working of the Courts, etc. These recommendations have been forwarded to all concerned such as State Governments, the Central Ministries and the High Courts

Price, Production and Import of Rubber

104. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the highest and the lowest price of natural rubber during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how much rubber had been imported during this period, year-wise;

(c) what had been the production of natural rubber during this period year-wise; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase the production of natural rubber?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) The details of price of natural rubber during the last 3 years has been as under:—

Price in Rs. per quintal

Year	Highest	Lowest
1987-88	1880	1730
1988-89	1935	1740
1989-90	2650	1835

(b) The details of import of natural rubber during the last 3 years has been as under.—

(*In metric tonnes*)

Year	*Quantity*
1987-88	41,984
1988-89	51,363
1989-90	26,549

(c) The details of production of natural rubber during last 3 years has been as under:—

(in metric tonnes)

Year	Quantity
1987-88	2,35,197
1988-89	2 59,172
1989-90	2,97,300

(d) The following measures are now implemented by the Rubber Board to enhance production of natural rubber:—

(1) Granting financial and technical assistance for new planting and replanting and replanting under Rubber Plantation Development Scheme.

(2) Producing and distributing high yielding planting materials.

(3) Rendering advisory, extension and training services.

(4) Encouraging community processing and marketing among small holders

(5) Undertaking research on cultivation, production and processing of rubber

Production and export of cotton

105 SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) What is the estimated production of cotton for this year and the next year;